information in all areas of higher education and research. Kendriya Hindi Shikshan Mandal, Agra has also undertaken comparative study of Hindi language with other Indian languages and their principal dialects.

The Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore has used Hindi as a target language in the preparation of vocabularies and dictionaries of other languages and has used the Devanagari script in some of its other publications. In addition, it has prepared Hindi Radio lessons for the Kannada speakers, Manipur! speaking students of Manipur and Telugu speaking students. The National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, New Delhi is developing a corpus of vocabulary common to Urdu and Hindi *to* be used for all machine translation in the near future. It has been translating all the textbooks of National Council for Educational Research and Training from Hindi into Urdu. The National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language, Vadodara is primarily engaged in the promotion of Sindhi language but it lays emphasis on comparative study of Sindhi and Hindi and other languages. Some Sanskrit organisations/Institutions, like Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi, Maharishi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Prathisthan, Ujjain etc also contribute for development of Sanskrit language.

(b) About 52 bilingual definitional dictionaries, 35 bilingual terminology dictionaries, 10 bilingual departmental glossaries, 13 bilingual dictionaries, and 10 trilingual dictionaries have been brought out. 17 bilingual conversations guides have been published and 16 other bilingual/trilingual books have been brought out. In most of these publications, Hindi has been used as a target language.

(c) The Government would continue with these efforts for the promotion and development Of languages in the coming year. A budget provision of Rs. 72.74 crores has been made during 1999-2000 for this purpose,

Nomination of Majuli Island as World Heritage Site

2901. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether necessary formulation for nomination of Majuli Island as World heritage site has been completed;

(b) if so, the basic ground on which this is proposed to be nominated and likely time for its nomination;

(c) the salient features of the report of recent survey of December 9, 1999 by Central team; and

(d) the other actions, if any, contemplated for protection and preservation of age old manuscripts and artefacts from further damage by flood including proposal for construction of raised museum complexes?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) A joint team comprising Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India, Guwahati Circle and the Region;il Deputy Director, Wild Life Preservation of Ministry of Environment had visited the Majuli Island on 7th-9th December, 1998. Both the officials have submitted their reports.

As per the report of the Superintending Archaeologist, the Satra buildings are ancient in nature and are in dilapidated condition. They deserve protection and preservation. The Report has suggested the following measures:

1. Systematic protection, preservation for posterity.

2. The antiquities and art objects require photo documentation and cataloguing

3. The efforts be made for proper cataloguing of all available unpublished manuscripts now lying in dumps within Satras and getting deteriorated due to lack of scientific knowledge.

4. The building which are more than 100 years old shall be got declared as heritage buildings and immediate action deserves to be taken to save them for posterity.

5. Flood Control measures to be taken up as a challenge instead of surrendering to the vagaries of nature by simple words "natural calamities".

According to the recommendations of the expert nominated by the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Majuli Island, no doubt, is a special physiographical site where a five centuries old cultural tradition co-exist with Nature.

The special features of Majuli, as per the Report, are:

1. Majuli is probably the biggest river island in the World.

2. Majuli. is probably the largest riverine, delta system in the World. The listing Majuli Island in the World Heritage List would be subject to it meeting the criteria laid by the UNESCO Convention on World Heritatge Site and it being accepted by the Committee set up under the Convention.

Implementation of Haksar Committee Recommendations

2902. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 145, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th June, 1998 and state:

(a) whether the Lilit kala Academy was taken over in the wake of their commitment regarding implementation of Haksar Committee Recommendations;

(b) if so, why Government have gone against their words and instead of implementing these recommendations, decided to implement recommendations of Lalit Kala Academy Administrator; and

(c) were the recommendations of Lalit Kala Academy Administrator formulated after as wide consultations as that of Haksar Committee?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) A number of complaints of mismanagement, irregularities, misuse of funds, favoritism, etc. by the then management of the Lalit Kala Akademi (LKA) were brought to the notice of the Government. The Government inquired into these allegations which revealed a number of irregularities. Based on the findings of the inquiry and special audit, the management of the Lalit Kala Akademi was taken over in the public interest. One of the incidental reasons for take over was also the insistence of the then Management of the Akademi in implementing the recommendations of the Haksar Committee.

(b) Government has approved amendments to Memorandum of Association (MOA) of Lalit Kala Akademi broadly on the lines of the Haksar Committee recommendations with a view to ensuring balance between autonomy and public accountability.

(c) The recommendations of the Administrator-Lalit Kala Akademi were based on wide ranging consultations with artists as well as the Advisory Committee of the Lalit Kala Akademi.

Provision of Sepcial Dispensation Admissions

2903. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have gone in Appeal to Supreme Court challenging